(d) and (e) The allotted quantities of rice and sugar were lifted by the State Government or their nominees from FCI Depots. As regards edible oils, the State nominated agency lifts the oil from STC Depots.

Procurement of wheat and rice

283. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) what is the quantity of wheat and rice procured so far during the current year and what was the corresponding figure last year; and

(b) the details of foodgrains allotted to the States so far in 1992?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) A quantity of 63.74 lakh tonnes of wheat has been procured by FCI and State procuring agencies upto 3-7-1992 in the current Rabi Marketing Season 1992-93 as compared to 77.44 lakh tonnes procured during the corresponding period of 1991-92. As regards rice (including paddy in terms of rice), a quantity of 101.61 lakh tonnes of rice has been procured upto 3-7-1992 in the current Kharif Marketing Season 1991-92 as compared to 125.06 lakh tonnes procured in the corresponding period of 1990-91.

(b) A quantity of 62.00 lakh tonnes of rice and 54.35 lakh tonnes of wheat has been allotted to State Governments/Union Territories from Central Pool under public distribution system from January, 1992 to July, 1992.

Contribution of Andhra Pradesh to Central Pool

284. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) what is the contribution of Andhra Pradesh to the Central Pool during the last 3 years; and

(b) what is the annual allotment of rice to that State during that period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) The quantities of rice procured for Central Pool in Andhra Pradesh for the last 3 years are as under:—

(Quantity in lakh tonnes)

Kharif Marketing Season	Quantity of rice (including paddy in terms of rice) procured
1988-89	14·83
1989-90	24·90
1990-91	33·35
1991-92 (As on 3-7-1992)	22·29

(in lakh tonnes)

Year	Quantity of rice allotted to Andhra Pradesh during the last 3 years
1988-89	8·60
1989-90	12·25
1990-91	21·33
1991-92	15·42 (October-July)

Import of Foodgrains and Sugar

285. SHRI S. K. T. RAMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have imported foodgrains and sugar during the year 1991-92 and in the current year;

(b) if so, grain-wise and yearwise details thereof;

(c) how much sugar has been imported or exported; and

(d) what necessitated Government to import foodgrains?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) and (b) The Government have not imported wheat, rice and sugar during 1991-92. During the current year also there have been no imports of these commodities so far. However, the Government have signed a contract with Canadian Wheat Board for import of 10.05 lakh tonnes of wheat for shipment during mid-July—mid-September, 1992.

(c) 5.07 lakh tonnes of sugar were exported during 1991-92. During the current year (upto 30-6-92), 0.98 lakh tonnes of sugar have been exported.

(d) Some balancing import of wheat became unavoidable due to factors like fall in production of foodgrains especially coarsegrains during 1991-92 as compared to the production during 1990-91 with consequent imbalance in demand-supply, lower level of procurement of wheat during 1991-92 and 1992-93 marketing seasons and the consequent need for building up stocks in the Central Pool for maintaining supplies in PDS and achieving food security.

Procurement of wheat

286. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA:
SHRI SURINDER KUMAR SINGLA:
SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:
SHRI KAILASH NARAIN SARANG:
SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ:

Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) what was the target set for procurement of wheat during current year State-wise;